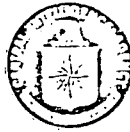


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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Charles Z. Wick
Director, International Communication Agency

SUBJECT : Comments on "Let Poland Be Poland"

Congratulations on undertaking such a complex job so quickly and so effectively.

We thought the national leaders' testimony on behalf of Polish freedom was a particularly powerful feature. This display of public unity was almost as impressive as the eloquent statements themselves. Would it not be worthwhile to extract the leaders' statements from the transcript and publish them separately?

Western detractors of the program, comfortable in their own freedom, appear to forget that a main impetus for the broadcast was the request of Polish patriots for a show of Western support. We may never know how great a boost the program gave to Polish morale, but our preliminary indications are certainly positive. My intuitive judgment is that ICA's experiment justified itself on this basis alone.

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

Charles

Horray for you!

Also, your prod last Friday on the statement of the Nicaraguan Ambassador challenging the President's OAS statement resulted in the statements from the two intelligence communities being briefed for the press scheduled